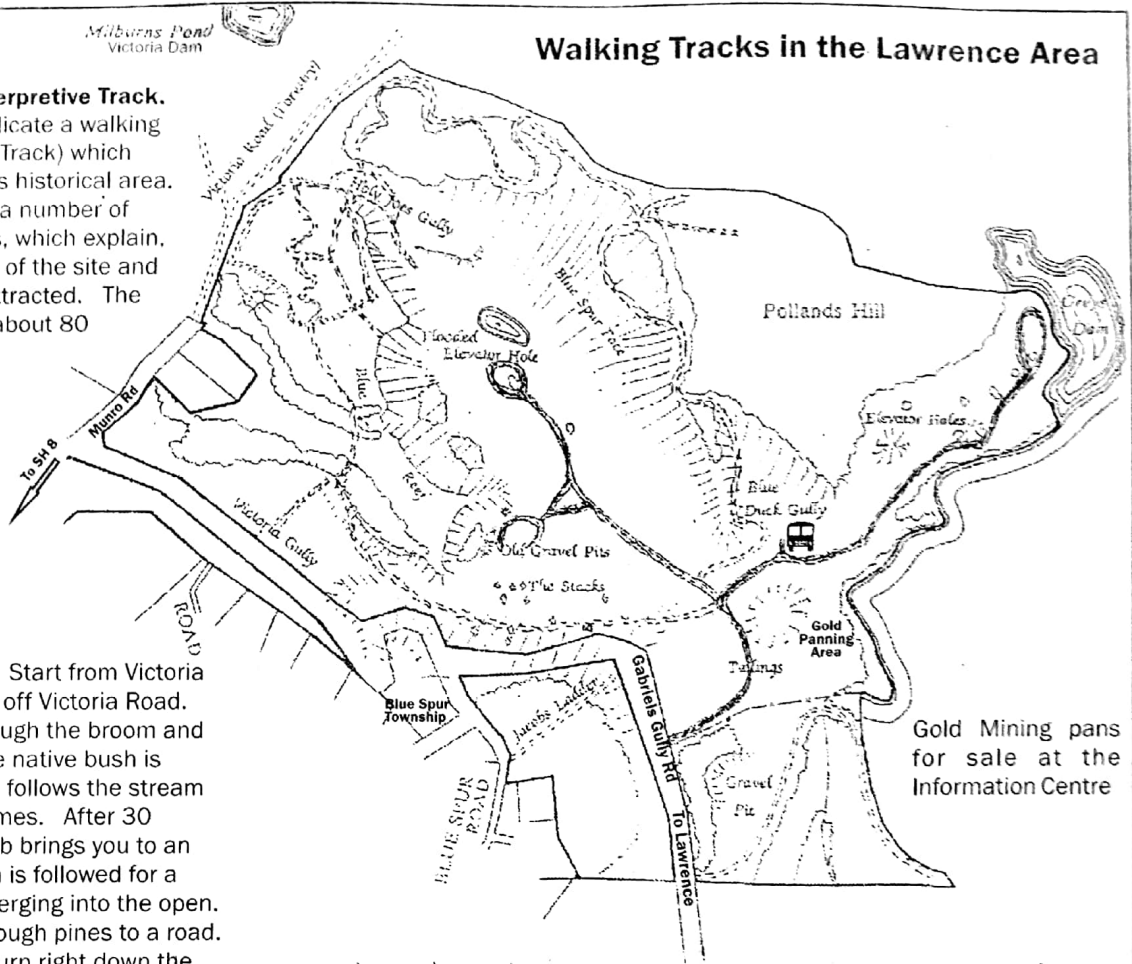


Walking Tracks in the Lawrence Area

Gabriels Gully - Interpretive Track.

The dotted lines indicate a walking track (Interperative Track) which circumnavigates this historical area. It will take you past a number of information plaques, which explain, in detail, the history of the site and how the gold was extracted. The round trip will take about 80 minutes.



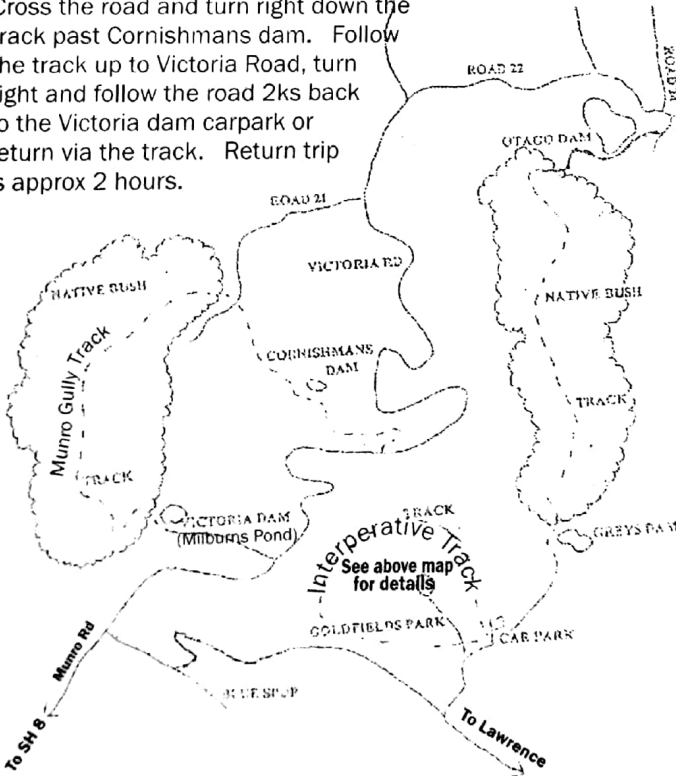
Munro Gully Track. Start from Victoria Dam (Milburn Pond) off Victoria Road. Follow the track through the broom and exotic forest until the native bush is reached. The track follows the stream crossing it several times. After 30 minutes a short climb brings you to an Old water race which is followed for a short way, finally emerging into the open. It then climbs up through pines to a road. Cross the road and turn right down the track past Cornishmans dam. Follow the track up to Victoria Road, turn right and follow the road 2ks back to the Victoria dam carpark or return via the track. Return trip is approx 2 hours.

Otago Dam Track. Starting from Greys Dam, follow the stream for half an hour through silver beech forest to a disused water race. Follow the orange markers. There are a number of stream crossings before the track finally reaches open country where a climb provides views back down the valley. The sound of the 'Mares-tail' waterfall greets you as the Otago Dam is reached after approximately 1½ hours. (If the dam is high the waterfall is visible). Return the same way - return trip takes between 2 - 3 hours depending on fitness. Reasonable fitness required and strong footwear.

Look out for the following trees along the way:

Larch	Pepper leaf/Horopito
Holly	Broad leaf/Papauma
Bush Clematis	Five Finger/Puahoa
Manuka	Marble leaf/Putaputaweta
Tutu	Lancewood/Horoeka
Makamaka	Silver Beech/Tawhai
	Bush Lawyer/Tataramoa

NB: Between November and February watch out for nesting NZ Falcons (sparrow hawks). They will dive bomb you if they consider their young to be threatened.



Domain Track:

From the back of the St John's building, in the main street of Lawrence, cross two bridges and continue up steps eventually coming out on road. Follow the road down hill towards the Miners' Monument (take time to contemplate the lives of the 300 miners remembered here) rejoin the track and follow stream back to bridge. Approx ½ hr easy walk.

Weatherstons - Gabriels Gully Track:

From Lawrence travel along Irvine Street, pass the golf course on your left, turn left at the junction and travel towards Weatherstons. Follow the clay road over the hill, eventually descending to a ford. This is a popular place for gold panning which DOC has established. Cross the stream and stile into the historic reserve. This walk takes approximately 1 hr one way.